

Setting Up False Goods

(Charleston Post.)

In West Virginia, we find some men trying to ride into public office on the plea of "economy and retrenchment" as they put it. What a false god that is when it comes down to fair consideration.

It is going to be pretty rough-sledding for those candidates who find their chief stock in trade that of attacking Republican administrations and Republican legislators for making appropriations to keep up the state institutions and conduct the state government in a half-decent sort of way, at least, thereby giving offense to those who do not care enough about the state to see it go forward with any degree of progress that would reflect credit upon us as a state and as a people.

The people are not going to be fooled by that sort of an insincere appeal. It amarks too much of the corporation collar. Certainly, the corporations are not going to pay any more taxes than they are compelled to do my sheer necessity. The great majority of the corporations are dominated by influence outside of the state. They maintain henchmen in this state, whose duty it is to make the dividend checks as big as possible. What care they for West Virginia or the welfare of its institutions or its people? Nothing.

Their chief interest in West Virginia is to get what they can out of the state and to give as little in return. Certain candidates have shown an open desire to make favor with those influences and in return expect financial favor to assist them in attaining their political ambitions. But, the stigma it upon them and the masses of the people are not going to permit the nomination of any man who permits himself to be tied and delivered over to those who have not at heart any consideration for the best welfare or the state.

They are talking "Economy and Retrenchment." The Post predicts that the man who declares it to be his purpose to stand for the continuance of greater things for the state—an elevation of its institutions, the development of permanent highways, a broadening of our educational opportunities and with all of it a business-like administration to account for every dollar received and every dollar expended will be the next governor of West Virginia.

That false cry of "Economy and Retrenchment" is not going to mislead sensible people and West Virginians are sensible people as has so often been demonstrated.

The state of Maryland, with a population smaller than West Virginia, spent for its state government the sum of \$7,438,939.30. West Virginia last year, for all expenses of state government, spent the sum of \$3,741,252.51.

And for spending that much money, representatives of the privileged interests have been raising a howl from every nook and corner and trying to make the people believe that money was being thrown at the birds.

What does that sort of a comparison demonstrate? It demonstrates that West Virginia is just that far behind the state of Maryland in development and progress. West Virginia is a state of unlimited natural resources but those who are reaping the benefit of those resources are now yelling about being robbed.

During the Tippecanoe campaign the Van Buren administration was severely criticised because the budget of the federal government had grown from an expenditure of \$1,986,524 a year, in Washington's time, to the "enormous total" of \$37,135,654 per annum in Van Buren's day, and the outs lamented the line unmercifully on the charge of reckless extravagance. One of the newspapers of the day notes that "the average expenditure under Mr. Van Buren is very nearly thirty-six times greater than it was under Washington." The fact that the nominal and natural tendency of a state budget is to grow larger year by year with the growth of population and the increasing complexity of the social organization, never dawns on the substitute for a mind that does duty in the cranium of the critic who is always howling about governmental extravagance. It would have been as discreditable as it would have been impossible for the Van Buren administration to have run the federal government on the scale of expenditures which sufficed for Washington's day. It is equally absurd when the Democratic critic of today in West Virginia compares the expenditures of the state government of the current year with those of the MacCorkle regime, for instance, nearly a quarter of a century ago.

If comparisons are to be made as a means of determining whether or not our state government is being frugally managed, let them be comparisons between contemporaries. Why not look at our budget alongside that of one of our neighbors among the states? Maryland is a well governed state for one that has a more or less chronic falling of going Democratic at frequent intervals. It has just a little smaller population than that of West Virginia. What about the total expenditures of its state government, as compared with West Virginia's expenditures? Here are the figures:

WEST VIRGINIA TOTAL FOR 1915 \$3,741,252.51

MARYLAND TOTAL FOR 1912 \$7,438,939.30

The figures for Maryland are taken from the report of the state tax commission of 1912, page 381, and the West Virginia figures are from page 23 of the first annual audit of our state's finances for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915.

Maryland spends a quarter of a million more for education than West Virginia, and it should be noted that the privately endowed university at Baltimore, Johns Hopkins, makes it unnecessary for Maryland to provide a state university for the higher education of its young people. Maryland appropriates for the care of its consumptive patients \$136,000, and it equips its public health department with a \$75,000 appropriation for general purposes. Our Democratic critics in West Virginia are throwing fits because the last legislature set aside a fifth of that amount for sanitation and the public health. Maryland's legislature cost it \$217,216.26 where West Virginia expended \$111,724.35. Maryland's bill for judiciary was \$191,566.06; West Virginia's corresponding expenditures amounted to \$149,973.93. Maryland put nearly two and a half million into good roads, while West Virginia barely appropriates enough to maintain the office of a state road engineer to study highway problems.

The Marylanders, in short, are spending through their state government two dollars for public purposes where West Virginia is spending one dollar, yet our Democratic press is howling about our extravagance because the state budget is larger than it was in MacCorkle's day. Comparisons made with any of West Virginia's neighbors or with any of the more distant states of about our population will yield results similar to those obtained from the Maryland comparison. West Virginia can more reasonably be reproached with parsimony than with extravagance in state expenditures for public purposes. We do not devote to the support of our state university anything like the amount needed to make it take rank with the universities of other states far less richly endowed with natural resources than we are. In the care of our delinquents and defectives and in the protection of the public health our policy in the past should be stigmatized as penurious instead of being criticised for extravagance. Comparison with the budgets of other states will make it clear to any thoughtful person that West Virginia's expenditures, as shown in the recently published audit, are kept within an exceedingly economical limit of expansion. That they should expand with the growth of the state is to be expected. The man who wants them to remain always at the MacCorkle figure is a Bourbon who is incapable either of learning anything or of forgetting anything.

MODERN DANCES TO ADVERTISE TOWN

Use Charm of Fair Maids against Counter Attractions Close at Hand.

CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 25.—The modern dance craze and unkempt finger nails have been hit upon by industrial boomers and merchants of Leipserville as a means to advertise the town and draw trade. The plans will be worked out and the traps set through the happy medium of a host of Delaware county's finest specimens of femininity.

The thrifty and wide awake borough of Leipserville adjoins Eddystone but with Chester on the other side of the Baldwin and Remington arms plants, merchants and citizens of Leipserville receive little or no benefit from the industrial boom and the army of workers in these mammoth mills usually head Chester way in search of pleasure and sunniness.

To draw some of this traffic into Leipserville, the citizens evolved a novel celebration to be known as "Get 'em Here Week."

It is planned to attract the workmen to the borough through the lure of the latest dance steps, and the fair maids with dainty and well trained feet have volunteered to enlist as instructors. The new quarters of the James F. Dougherty fire company will furnish the dancing floor.

Another group of the fairest ones will arm themselves with manicuring

implements and be in constant readiness for a movement upon blackened finger nails of the workmen when the shifts change.

Only three new dwellings have been erected in Leipserville in the last seventy-five years and the residents declare they will no longer furnish material for gibes and jokes from neighborhood towns.

A Chicago scrubwoman has invented a three-wheeled vehicle in which she drags herself over the floor. She saves her knees and does much more work.

DARKEN GRAY HAIR, LOOK YOUNG

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Everybody Will be Here THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Biggest Bargain Days we ever had. Be sure to come and bring your friends and neighbors to this three day sale. You will save almost half and more on the most desirable merchandise. At these prices it will pay you to buy now, even if for later use. Come to this sale THURSDAY, FRIDAY or SATURDAY.

Furs at Almost Give-Away Prices Some Furs that sold as high as \$25.00, now for \$5.98 A SET	30 Ladies' Fine Suits For winter and early spring suits that sold up to \$25.00. Buy now for your choice of any for \$5.00 Some Bargains.	36 Ladies' Dresses All this year's styles. Not one worth less than \$5.75 and some sold as high as \$10. Now your choice for \$2.95 Silk Dresses, Serge Dresses	50 Ladies' Coats Up-to-date styles, belted and plain. Dozens of styles to select from, worth from \$12.00 to \$25.00, for only..... \$5.00	Ladies, Don't Delay Up-to-date Garments, were never, never sold at such sensational low prices. The sooner you come the better selections you'll find. Sizes for every woman. HURRY!	
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EXPLORER TELLS OF FROZEN BAY

Present Condition along Greenland Coast Described by Captain Bernier.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Captain J. E. Bernier, commander of the Arctic expedition on 1908-9, who has recently returned from another expedition to the northland and the region of the Crocker land expeditions in Greenland arrived here from Canada with interesting stories and reports on conditions as they are now in the frozen north. He has spent eleven years of exploration in the Arctic regions and has charted much of the sea and lands in Hudson bay. The story of the Crocker land expeditions is told in another column.

When he sailed north on the ship Guide last spring he looked for communications from the Canadian government in caches at certain points, which he thought would be left for him by the captain of the relief ship George B. Cluett, now at anchor in the ice of North Star bay. But evidently the ice packs prevented the Cluett from making a landing at the points of land reached by Captain Bernier. He sailed, however, within 100 miles of North Star bay last spring. In commenting upon the conditions in the region of the Arctic Captain Bernier said:

"There are good years and bad year up north. The last three years

have been bad ones, and I look for two more bad years, so far as the ice conditions are concerned. I found ice conditions exceedingly bad along the Greenland coast last spring."

He went as far as latitude 75 before he could navigate around the Melville pack.

Might Drift 1,000 Miles.

"At this time of the year," said Captain Bernier, "North Star bay is frozen, and it is probable that the members of the Crocker Land relief expedition had to blast their way in

through the ice. It may be advisable to send another vessel for them, for they cannot get out before next September."

"Undoubtedly the Cluett is in a pack of ice. If a vessel is lucky enough to make its way into a lead it has a chance to escape. If no lead can be entered, then the vessel is caught in this way, you know."

"On the other hand, if the Cluett was caught in a great ice pack outside of the North Star bay it might drift for 1,000 miles. Tyson of the Hall expedition drifted on a big ice cake with a party of eighteen Eskimos for 1,200 miles in 1873, I believe. Conditions at Etah.

"The conditions at Etah during the fall and winter are not favorable for

navigation. There is much drifting ice and open water, so the members of the Crocker Land expedition are confined there for the present.

"During the later winter, say in January and the rest of the winter and spring, the members of the expedition can go northward with their sledges and over to Ellesmere land, where they can find plenty of hunting. The game up there includes white bears, musk ox, seals, deer and hares of the Arctic regions."

In the opinion of Captain Bernier, the members of the Crocker land expedition and the relief party on board the Cluett in North Star bay will be able to communicate with each other during the present winter if all goes well. The two expeditions are only about 125 miles apart.

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